(b) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising:

(i) means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs into one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs;

(ii) means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(iii) means for accessing a RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the searched PROFILEs.

2. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein each of the PCs further comprises :

(iv) means for storing a downloadable RESOURCE into [its respective] one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs.

3. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 2, wherein each of the PCs further comprises:

(v) means for downloading any of the RESOURCEs contained in any of the LOCAL SERVERs into the PC.

4. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the REGIONAL SERVERs further comprise:

(c) means for storing a PROFILE which contains information about a user of a SERVER; and

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(d) means for restricting the user's access to RESOURCEs

based on [data] the information contained in the user's

PROFILE.

5. (Twice Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) [multiple] one or more LOCAL SERVERs, each of the

LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein; and

(b) one or more REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the REGIONAL

SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs

[associated with] stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;

(c) means for electronically linking the LOCAL and REGIONAL

SERVERs together, so that PROFILEs and RESOURCEs can be

transferred therebetween;

(d) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs,

each of the PCs comprising:

(i) means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs into one or

more of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(ii) means for searching all of the PROFILEs in all of

the REGIONAL SERVERs.

6. (Twice Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:

(a) [multiple] a plurality of SERVERs [, the SERVERs

being] grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of

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the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein, and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILEs of RESOURCEs [associated with] stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs [therein] , wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring PROFILEs and RESOURCEs therebetween,

(i) each of the LOCAL SERVERs serving one or more PCs; and

(ii) each of the REGIONAL SERVERs storing a catalog of PROFILEs [, which] that describe RESOURCES; and

(b) search means, performed by each of the PCs, for searching any of the PROFILEs [contained] stored in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs and for accessing a RESOURCE [from] stored in any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the searched PROFILEs.

7. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein the search means comprises means for Boolean key-word searching of the PROFILEs contained in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

8. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein the search means for ordering a search of any of the PROFILEs to be performed at a future time.

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9. (Twice Amended) A method of managing RESOURCEs,
comprising the following steps:

(a) logically grouping a plurality of SERVERs into LOCAL
SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs;

(b) storing the RESOURCEs at one or more of the LOCAL
SERVERs;

(c) storing PROFILEs for the RESOURCEs at one or more of the
REGIONAL SERVERs, each PROFILE containing information relating to
its RESOURCE;

(d) allowing a user to search, from a single site, all of
the PROFILEs stored in the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(e) allowing the user to access, from the single site, a
RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERS based on the
[searched] PROFILEs searched in the REGIONAL SERVERs.

10. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein:

(1) some of the RESOURCEs [take the form of] comprise
downloadable [computer] data; and

(2) some of the RESOURCEs [take the form of information]
comprise data which is not downloadable.

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11. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein some of the RESOURCEs [take the form of] comprise physical objects.

12. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein some of the RESOURCEs take the form of downloadable data, and the method further comprises the step of allowing a user to download [selected] the downloadable [RESOURCEs] data from one of the LOCAL SERVERs to the user's site.

13. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein all of the PROFILEs are stored [at] in a single REGIONAL SERVER.

14. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein multiple collections of the PROFILEs are each stored [at] in different REGIONAL SERVERs, and each collection contains substantially all of the PROFILEs.